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Introduction

The organizations listed in this reference circular provide a variety of direct services to blind and visually impaired persons, including advocacy and advisory services, information and consultation, counseling and employment programs, assistive devices, and publications in special format. Many of the organizations also offer guidance to families of blind and visually impaired persons and training for professionals. Many publish journals, monographs, catalogs, and pamphlets. The major publications are specified.

Section I lists the organizations alphabetically with an annotation that describes the services provided.

Section II presents directories and other publications that list agencies, services, and resources for blind and visually impaired persons. These publications contain the names of organizations that serve blind and visually impaired persons in the United States and in other countries, organizations that have braille music collections and tactile map collections, and producers and distributors of braille and large-print reading materials and assistive devices for reading and other related activities.

Section III lists state-level agencies that administer public programs providing special education and rehabilitation services.

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I. National Information and Advocacy Organizations

American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081 or 800-424-8666

Principal publication: Braille Forum, bimonthly.

Serves as an informational clearinghouse on blindness and provides advisory service on Federal legislation. Acts as an advocate for civil rights, educational opportunities, vocational training, social security benefits, and health and social services for blind and visually impaired persons. Special-interest affiliated organizations include: American Blind Lawyers' Association, Braille Revival League, Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (see separate entry), Council of Families with Visual Impairments, Friends-in-Art, Guide Dog Users, Library Users of America, National Alliance of Blind Students, National Association of Blind Teachers, and Visually Impaired Data Processors International.

American Diabetes Association
National Service Center
P.O. Box 25757
1660 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22313
(703) 549-1500 or 800-ADA-DISC

Promotes the free exchange of information about diabetes mellitus and its complications. Diabetes is a leading cause of new blindness among adults. Conducts a comprehensive program of public, patient, and professional education and seeks to find a cure for diabetes. Publishes a variety of pamphlets and a monthly periodical, Diabetes Forecast, for persons with diabetes and their families. Also publishes research journals for physicians who specialize in diabetes and for general practitioners.

American Foundation for the Blind
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000
Toll-Free: 800-AFB-LIND or, in New York, (212) 620-2147

Principal publications: AFB News, 5/year.
Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness, 10/year.
Long Cane News, semiannual.

Develops and provides programs and services for blind and visually impaired persons in the areas of public education,

social and technological research, consultation and referrals, and governmental relations. Sells publications in print, on cassette, and in braille, and assistive devices for use at home, at school or work, and at leisure. AFB's National Technology Center is a centralized resource on adaptive technology. The AFB Information Network presents details on legislation and regulations of concern to blind and visually impaired persons. The Job Index is a national data and networking resource on the competitive employment of blind and visually impaired persons.

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405

Principal publication: APH Slate, 2/year.

Designated and funded by act of Congress, since 1879, as the official source of educational texts for visually handicapped students (primary through secondary level) throughout the United States and its possessions. Maintains the Central Catalog, which is a listing of textbooks available in large type, braille, and recorded format that are produced by APH, by volunteers, and by commercial companies. Engages in educational and technical research in these three formats and manufactures and sells assistive devices. Also produces recreational and religious literature in special format.

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
206 North Washington Street, Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 548-1884

Principal publications: AER Report, bimonthly.
Job Exchange, monthly.
RE:view, quarterly.

Formed in January 1984 with the consolidation of the Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped and the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Dedicated to the advancement of education, guidance, and vocational rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired children and adults. Maintains job exchange services and a speakers' bureau. Offers continuing-education seminars.

Association of Radio Reading Services
4200 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 106-346
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 231-0500

Principal publications: Directory of Radio Reading Services, annual.
HEARSAY, quarterly.

Assists in establishing local delivery of closed-circuit radio broadcasts of daily newspapers and other printed materials for visually impaired and physically handicapped people.

Better Vision Institute
1800 North Kent Street, Suite 1210
Rosslyn, VA 22209
(703) 243-1508 or 243-1528

Publishes brochures that inform the public about the importance of vision care and annual eye examinations.

Blinded Veterans Association
477 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 371-8880

Principal publication: BVA Bulletin, bimonthly.

A membership organization for veterans blinded during or after their military service. Has two major programs. The Field Service Program counsels blinded veterans and assists them in obtaining benefits from the Veterans Administration. The Outreach Employment Program helps veterans prepare resumes and keeps them informed of potential job opportunities.

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
Riley Tower 2, Apt. 2300
600 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
800-733-2258

Principal publication: CCLV Newsletter, quarterly.

Affiliated with American Council of the Blind. Keeps abreast of developments benefiting persons with low vision and promotes research aimed at improving their lives. Educates the public and professionals about the capabilities of persons who have some useful residual vision, with the recognition that their needs for assistance differ markedly from people who are blind. Supports the development of training programs to establish and expand low-vision services throughout the country.

Foundation for Glaucoma Research
490 Post Street, Suite 1042
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 986-3162

Principal publication: Gleams, quarterly.

Dedicated to the elimination of glaucoma. Sponsors medical research and patient education programs. Its publications on glaucoma are available, at no cost, to all interested persons who write or telephone the Foundation.

Helen Keller International
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 807-5800

Assists governments and voluntary agencies in developing countries to establish services for the prevention of blindness, the restoration of sight, and the rehabilitation and education of those persons whose vision cannot be restored. Supports village-based efforts to build and sustain these programs through the training of community-level health care providers and by upgrading the skills of teachers working in school programs for blind children.

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
(Organisation Mondiale Contre le Cecite)
National Eye Institute
Building 31, Room 6A03
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-2234

Coordinates international research into the causes of impaired vision or blindness, promotes measures to eliminate such causes, and disseminates knowledge worldwide on eye care and prevention of blindness. Cooperates with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and other international agencies.

International Association of Lions Clubs
(Lions Clubs International)
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60521-8842
(708) 571-5466

Principal publication: Lion, monthly.

Provides community service in such areas as sight conservation, diabetes education and research, international understanding, and recreation and social services. Has established glaucoma detection centers, eye research foundations, eye banks, dog guide

training schools, and rehabilitation centers for persons who are visually impaired.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Section of Libraries for the Blind
c/o Helen Perry, Executive Secretary
CNIB National Library Division
1929 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, M4G 3E8
CANADA

Principal publication: Newsletter, irregular.

Promotes national and international cooperation in the field of library services for blind and visually impaired readers and encourages research and development in all aspects of this area. Acts as a forum for the discussion of topics such as standardization, braille production, and the impact of new technology on library services to visually impaired persons.

Library of Congress
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1291 Taylor Street NW
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 707-5100

Principal publications:
Address List: Regional and Subregional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 2/year.
Facts: Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals, annual.
Facts: Music for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals, annual.
News, quarterly.

Administers a free national library program of braille and recorded books and magazines for visually impaired and physically disabled persons. Reading materials and playback machines are distributed through cooperating regional and subregional (local) libraries to eligible borrowers. Music materials are loaned directly from the Music Section of NLS. The music collection consists of scores in braille and large print; magazines and books about music and musicians in braille, large print, and recorded format; and instruction for voice and for instruments.

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired
232 Madison Avenue, Suite 907
New York, NY 10016
(212) 779-8080

Develops standards and administers a voluntary system of accreditation for local, state, and national agencies providing direct services to blind and visually handicapped persons. Publishes self-study and evaluation guides.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired
2180 Linway Drive
Beloit, WI 53511
800-562-6265

Addresses the needs of parents and families of visually impaired children, provides information about care and treatment, and quality services. Promotes public understanding of the needs and rights of the visually impaired child.

National Association for Visually Handicapped
22 West 21st Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141

Principal publications: In Focus, 2/year (for children). Seeing Clearly, 2/year (for adults).

Acts as a clearinghouse for information about available services to visually impaired individuals. Advocates for the protection of their civil rights. Offers counseling to persons with low vision, to families with children or elderly who are visually impaired, and to professionals who work with them.

National Braille Association, Inc.
1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900

Principal publication: NBA Bulletin, quarterly.

Coordinates volunteer services in the production and distribution of reading materials in braille, recorded format, and large print. The Reader-Transcriber Registry accepts requests for the production of general-interest materials. The Braille Textbook Assignment Service transcribes, on request, college texts other than mathematics and science texts that are transcribed by the Braille Book Bank (BBB). The BBB has titles for immediate thermoform duplication, and the Braille Technical Tables Bank has braille masters of standard tables for duplication. The

association offers workshops for transcribers and manuals for producing reading materials for persons with visual impairments.

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

Provides braille transcription and pressing services in formats that include braille-only magazines and hard-bound books, braille embossed on clear plastic and interleaved into print books, and large print with braille superimposed. Embosses braille on card games, alphabet cards, business cards, and brass plaques. Offers a Jiffy-Braille program for low-cost braille transcription of job-related documents. Sponsors a Children's Braille Book Club.

National Center for Vision and Aging
The Lighthouse
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200 or 800-334-5497

Principal publication: Aging and Vision News, 3/year.

Provides for the needs of visually impaired older patients/clients by identifying resources in communities across the country and making suggestions on how to get help from local services. Designs and offers individualized professional training programs on the implications of visual impairment and blindness. Works directly with businesses and health and human services organizations to develop vision care education programs and to help elderly persons with visual impairments maintain homes, retain jobs, and participate in daily activities.

National Center for Vision and Child Development
The Lighthouse
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200

Provides for the needs of visually impaired children and their families through professional training, technical assistance, and research. Works directly with schools, day care centers, and health and human services organizations to facilitate early identification of functional visual problems in children and to design strategies that enhance development. Conducts empirical studies in the fields of child development, family systems, and education as they relate to vision loss.

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse
Box NDIC
Bethesda, MD 20205
(301) 468-2162

Principal publication: Diabetes Dateline, 2/year.

Responds to requests for information about diabetes and its complications and distributes information appropriate to health professionals, people with diabetes and their families, and the general public. Maintains an automated file of references to print and nonprint materials that are included in the Combined Health Information Database, which is accessible through BRS Information Technologies. Publishes topical bibliographies that span the many aspects of diabetes, The Diabetes Dictionary, and conference proceedings and monographs.

National Eye Institute
National Institutes of Health
Building 31, Room 6A32
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-5248

Conducts and supports research on the eye and visual system and on the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of visual disorders. Promotes the application of research findings to clinical practice and heightens public awareness of vision problems. Publishes fact sheets and booklets.

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314

Principal publications: Braille Monitor, monthly.
Future Reflections, quarterly.
Voice of the Diabetic, quarterly.

Seeks the complete integration of blind persons into society on a basis of equality. Monitors state and federal laws and regulations affecting blind people. Informs members of services available to them and of their rights under the law. Maintains National Blindness Information Center and operates the Job Opportunities for the Blind Program (JOB) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor. JOB is a listing and referral service for blind job applicants. Divisions include: Merchants, National Association of Blind Educators, National Association of Blind Lawyers, National Association to Promote the Use of Braille, National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science, Parents of Blind Children, Public Employees, Students, and Writers.

National Industries for the Blind
524 Hamburg Turnpike, CN 969
Wayne, NJ 07474
(201) 595-9200

Principal publication: Opportunity, quarterly.

Association of workshops employing blind and multihandicapped blind persons who produce certain goods and services for the federal government under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Assists agencies in expanding and improving their vocational programs for blind workers. Develops new industries and locates new markets for blind-made products. Administered by the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped, whose members include representatives from various federal agencies and several private citizens.

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation
1500 Locust Street, Suite 1816
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) 545-2322

Principal publication: NOAH News, 2/year.

Offers information and support to individuals with albinism and hypopigmentation and their families through local chapters and a national conference. Educates the public and professionals about albinism and hypopigmentation and encourages research on the cause and treatment of these metabolic disorders.

National Society to Prevent Blindness
500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(312) 843-2020

Principal publication: InSight, quarterly.

Works to prevent blindness through information and referral services, public and professional education, and research. Community service projects include promotion and support of local glaucoma screening programs, preschool vision testing, and sight-saving programs directed toward eye safety in sports, in industry, and in the home. Offers a comprehensive selection of brochures, articles, posters, and audiovisual materials on eye health and eye safety.

New Eyes for the Needy
P.O. Box 332
549 Milburn Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07078
(201) 376-4903

Provides new prescription eyeglasses for individuals in the United States to whom no other funds are available. Tests, grades, and distributes reusable plastic-framed glasses to overseas missions and hospital clinics upon request.

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
1111 20th Street NW, Suite 636
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 653-5044

Principal publication: Worklife: A Publication of Employment and People with Disabilities, quarterly.

Supplies information to employers and labor unions to facilitate the development of employment opportunities for the physically disabled, mentally retarded, and mentally restored. Conducts a program of public education and enlists the support of federal, state, and local officials and professional organizations. Has available a variety of free publications and posters that focus on the employment potential and hiring of people with disabilities. Sponsors National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Recording for the Blind, Inc.
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606

Principal publication: Recording for the Blind News, 3/year.

Lends recorded educational books that range in educational level from late elementary through graduate school and beyond. The services are available to persons with a verified visual, physical, or specific learning disability that substantially limits reading. A registration fee of $25 is required of all applicants.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
1401 Mt. Royal Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21217
(301) 225-9400 or 800-638-2300

Principal publication: Fighting Blindness News, 2/year.

Promotes an understanding of the causes of retinal degenerative diseases and publicizes the seriousness of retinitis pigmentosa (RP) through educational and human service programs. Stimulates the development of a treatment and cure for these blinding diseases and funds research at more than thirty institutions internationally. Formerly: National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation.

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Foundation
Rehabilitation Engineering Center
2232 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 561-1619

Principal publication: Smith-Kettlewell Technical File, quarterly.

Houses one of the sixteen rehabilitation engineering centers (RECs) that are funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The REC for the Development and Evaluation of Sensory Aids for Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deaf-Blind Individuals develops sensory aids to assist in vocational and educational rehabilitation. Also provides custom-made sensory aids in a fee-for-service program and participates in seminars to increase awareness of sensory aids technology.

Telephone Pioneers of America
22 Cortlandt Street, Room C-2575
New York, NY 10007
(212) 393-3252

Principal publication: Telephone Pioneer, quarterly.

Maintains a directory of senior and retired telephone employees who repair and service record players and cassette machines of the talking-books program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Pioneers may visit homes of new readers to demonstrate use of the equipment and may help library staffs inspect returned talking books for damage before the books are loaned to other readers.

Vision Foundation
818 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 926-4232 or, in Massachusetts, 800-852-3029

Self-help organization serving persons who are newly blind, have low vision, or have a progressive eye disease. Offers support groups, an information and referral center, a buddy telephone system, a career mentor program, special programs for elders, and materials in large print and on cassette.

World Blind Union
(Union Mondiale des Aveugles)
58, avenue Bosquet
75007 Paris
FRANCE

Principal publication: World Blind, quarterly.

An international nongovernmental coalition composed of representatives from various associations of blind people and from agencies providing services to them. The members are grouped into seven geographical unions: Africa, Asia, Europe, East Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Middle East, and North America/Caribbean. Works for the prevention of blindness, promotes the well-being of blind and visually impaired people, and serves as an international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of blindness.

II. Directories and Other Publications That List Agencies, Services, and Resources

American Foundation for the Blind. Directory of services for blind and visually impaired persons in the United States. 23rd ed. New York: 1988. 378p.

American Printing House for the Blind. The central catalog: textbooks for students who are visually handicapped. 19th ed. Louisville, KY: 1989. 485p.

Chin, Christine, ed. Directory of agencies for the blind in the British Isles and overseas. Interim edition. London: Royal National Institute for the Blind in association with Gardner's Trust for the Blind, 1987. 167p.

The complete directory of large-print books & serials 1990. New York: R.R. Bowker, 1990. 236p.

Cylke, Frank Kurt and Judith M. Dixon, managing eds. International directory of tactile map collections. The Hague: Section of Libraries for the Blind, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; and Washington: National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, 1985. 19p.

Cylke, Frank Kurt and Peter Hanke, eds. International directory of libraries and production facilities for the blind. The Hague: Section of Libraries for the Blind, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; Washington: National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, 1984. 109p.

Gill, J.M. International directory of agencies for the visually disabled. 9th ed. Uxbridge, Middlesex, England: Research Unit for the Blind, Brunel University, 1986. 90p.

International non-governmental organizations. In World blindness and its prevention. Edited by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness under the direction of Carl Kupfer. v. 3. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 1988. p. 96-111.

Discusses the following non-governmental organizations that are affiliated with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness: Christoffel-Blindenmission, Foresight, Helen Keller International, International Eye Foundation, Operation Eyesight International, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Seva Foundation, and World Blind Union.

Law, Clifford and Kathy Maignard, comps. International directory of libraries for the blind. IFLA Professional Reports, no. 11. The Hague: IFLA Headquarters, 1986. 114p.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Reference Section. Library resources for the blind and physically handicapped. A directory with FY 1988 statistics on readership, circulation, budget, staff, and collections. Washington: 1989. 74p.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Reference Section. Reading materials in large type. Compiled by Linda Redmond. Washington: 1987. 71p.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Reference Section. Reading, writing and other communication aids for visually and physically handicapped persons. Compiled by Linda Redmond. Washington: 1986. 70p.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Reference Section. Sources of braille reading materials. Compiled by Linda Redmond. Washington: 1985. 15p.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Volunteers who produce books: braille, tape, large print. Compiled by Freddie Peaco. Washington: 1988. 95p.

Massis, Bruce E. The international guide to publishers and distributors of large print. IFLA Professional Reports, no. 4. The Hague: IFLA Headquarters, 1985. 57p.

Thorin, Suzanne E., comp. and ed. Revised and updated by Shirley Piper Emanuel. International directory of braille music collections. Washington: National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1987. 41p.

World braille usage. Rev. ed. Paris: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Washington: National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1990. 124p. Available free from UNESCO, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, FRANCE.

This listing of braille usage is arranged by country and includes the name of the organizations in each country that responded to the survey.

Yeadon, Anne, comp. and ed. International low vision directory. Philadelphia: Institute for the Visually Impaired, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, 1988. 209p.

III. State Agencies That Administer Special Education and Rehabilitation Services

Direct services provided through state-level departments of rehabilitation may include diagnosis and evaluation of eye health, counseling and social work services, pre-vocational evaluation and vocational training and placement, job retention and job retraining, and low-vision services and assistive devices. These agencies also administer the vending facilities programs in each state. Direct services provided through state-level special education departments include consultation with and referral to local school districts and development of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

Alabama

Division of Rehabilitation &
Crippled Children Service
P.O. Box 11586
Montgomery, AL 36111

Telephone: (205) 281-8780

Alabama State Department of
Education
Program for Exceptional Children and
Youth
1020 Monticello Court
Montgomery, AL 36117

Telephone: (205) 261-5099

Alaska

Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation
Box F, MS 0581
Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Telephone: (907) 465-2814

Department of Education
Office of Special Education
Pouch F
Juneau, AK 99811

Telephone: (907) 465-2970

America Samoa

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Resources
American Samoa Government
P.O. Box 3492
Pago Pago, AS 96799

Telephone: 011 (684) 633-1805

Department of Education
Special Education
Pago Pago, AS 96799

Telephone: 011 (684) 633-4789

Arizona

Rehabilitation Services
Administration Department of
Economic Security
1300 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Telephone: (602) 542-3332

Division of Special Education
Arizona Department of Education
1535 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Telephone: (602) 255-3183

Arkansas

Division of Services for the Blind
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 3237
411 Victory Street
Little Rock, AR 72203

Telephone: (501) 371-2587

Arkansas Department of Education
Special Education
Education Building, Room 105-C
54 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201-1021

Telephone: (501) 682-4221

California

Department of Rehabilitation
830 K Street Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 445-3971

California Department of Education
Special Education Division
721 Capitol Mall
P.O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 322-6646 and
(916) 323-4768

Colorado

Rehabilitation Services
Department of Social Services
4th Floor
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203-1714

Telephone: (303) 866-5196

Colorado Department of Education
Special Education Services Unit
(CIMC/VH)
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Telephone: (303) 866-6694

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Vocational Rehabilitation Division
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950

Telephone: 10288-011
(607) 234-6538

Department of Education
Special Education Programs
Mariana Lower Base
Saipan, MP 96950

Telephone: 10288-011
(607) 322-9956

Connecticut

Division of Rehabilitation Services
State Board of Education
10 Griffin Road
Windsor, CT 06095

Telephone: (203) 298-2003

Board of Education and Services for the Blind
Department of Human Resources
170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Telephone: (203) 566-5800

Delaware

Division for the Visually Impaired
Department of Health and Social Services
305 West 8th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Telephone: (302) 571-3333

Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children and Special Programs Division
P.O. Box 1402
Dover, DE 19903

Telephone: (302) 736-5471

District of Columbia

D.C. Rehabilitation Services Administration
Commission on Social Services
Department of Human Services
605 G Street NW, Room 1111
Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 727-3227

Department of Education
Division of Special Education
Webster Administration Building
10th & H Streets NW
Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 724-4018

Federated States of Micronesia

Vocational Rehabilitation Service
Office of Education
Federated States of Micronesia
Ponape, FM 96941

Telephone: 10 (288) 011-691-9413

Florida

Division of Blind Services
Department of Education
2540 Executive Center West
Douglas Building
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Telephone: (904) 488-1330

Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students
Knott Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Telephone: (904) 488-1570

Georgia

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Department of Human Services
878 Peachtree Street, NE
Room 706
Atlanta, GA 30309

Telephone: (404) 894-6670

Georgia Department of Education
Program for Exceptional Children
Twin Towers East, Suite 1970
Atlanta, GA 30334

Telephone: (404) 656-2425

Guam

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Government of Guam
122 Harmon Plaza, Room B201
Tamuning, GU 96911

Telephone: (671) 646-9468

Department of Education
Special Education
P.O. Box DE
Agana, GU 96910

Telephone: (671) 472-8703

Hawaii

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Services
Bishop Trust Building
1000 Bishop Street, Room 615
Honolulu, HI 96813

Telephone: (808) 548-4769

State Department of Education
Special Needs Branch
3430 Leahi Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

Telephone: (808) 737-3720

Idaho

Idaho Commission for the Blind
341 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702

Telephone: (208) 334-3220

State Department of Education
Special Education Section
650 West State Street
Boise, ID 83720

Telephone: (208) 334-3940

Illinois

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
623 East Adams Street
P.O. Box 19429
Springfield, IL 62794-9429

Telephone: (217) 782-2093

Illinois State Board of Education
Specialized Educational Services
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL 62777

Telephone: (217) 782-6601

Indiana

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Indiana Department of Human Services
251 North Illinois Street
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

Telephone: (317) 232-1147

Indiana Division of Special Education
229 State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Telephone: (317) 269-9462

Iowa

Department for the Blind
524 4th Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Telephone: (515) 281-7986

Iowa Department of Public Instruction
Special Education Division
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

Telephone: (515) 281-3176

Kansas

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
300 Southwest Oakley Street
Biddle Building, 2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66606

Telephone: (913) 296-3911

Kansas Department of Education
120 East Tenth Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Telephone: (913) 296-4947

Kentucky

Department for Blind Services
Education and Arts Cabinet
427 Versailles Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

Telephone: (502) 564-4754

Department of Education
Office of Education for Exceptional Children
Capitol Plaza Tower, 8th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Telephone: (502) 564-4970

Louisiana

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 94371
1755 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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